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The Poultry Industry in Iran

The Islamic Republic of Iran is a middle-income country with a population of about 69 million. In 2001, compared to other middle-income countries, Iran ranked fifth in poultry production behind China, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina but ahead of Russia, Egypt and Poland. The poultry industry is becoming fully integrated and has a significant share of animal protein. Iran is 100% self-sufficient for poultry and egg products. In 1999, the mean production of red meat, poultry and eggs were reported as 721, 725 and 570 thousand tons respectively.

In 2001 Iran had 15,769 broiler farms with the capacity of over 189 million chicken per interval and 1,465 egg layer farms with a capacity of over 601 million chicks per interval. Iran produced 803,000 tons of poultry meat and 570,000 tons of eggs in 2001, making Iran 14th in world poultry meat production and 22nd in egg production.

In 2002, the capacity of the poultry rearing industry was estimated to be 2 million tons of chicken and eggs per year, however, actual production figures were .8 million tons of chicken and about .6 million tons of eggs. By 2004 the industry had a yearly production of 1 billion chicks, 1.2 million tons of chicken and .8 million tons of eggs. The number of parent stock birds produced totaled 8 million in 2003 and was expected to total 8.5 million in 2004.

Two separate ministries are in charge of the agriculture sector: the Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for the crop subsector (about 57 percent of agricultural output) and the Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandegh is responsible for livestock (40.8), forestry (1.5) and fisheries (0.5), as well as rural development and watershed management.

The U.S. is eligible to export poultry and poultry products to Iran, however, Iran is a restricted country requiring exporter licensing. Consult the U.S. Treasury Department web site at <http://www.treas.gov/ofac/> for further details.

Source: FAO/WHO reports; Iran's Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandeghi, USDA/FSIS, USDA/ERS, CIA World Factbook, various news wires

Iran Poultry Situation and World Comparison

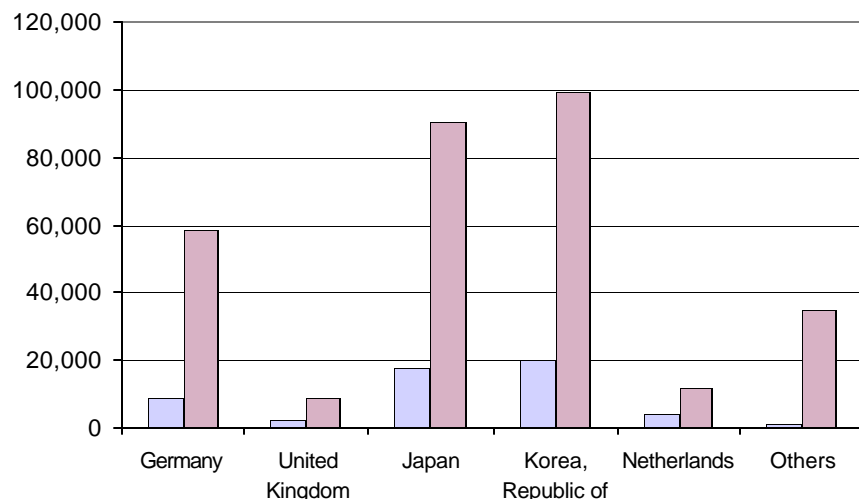
	Live Slaughter (000 head)		Production 000 MT		Exports 000 MT	
	Iran	World	Iran	World	Iran	World
1998	518	40,945	716	62,168	6	6,192
1999	602	43,343	745	65,050	5	6,675
2000	678	45,471	823	68,949	7	7,295
2001	746	47,063	905	71,455	10	7,800
2002	728	48,891	812	74,491	10	7,823
2003	738	50,114	850	75,281	10	7,886
2004*	804	50,814	870	76,402	10	7,590

*preliminary

Source: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

Thailand Exports, Poultry Meat and Edible Offal, in '000 US\$

Jan-May 04 Jan-May 03



Exchange Rate USD-1: 0.02471 May 28 2004, 0.02394 May 28 2003

Source: Brazil Ministry of Agriculture

New Cases of Avian Influenza in Thailand

Thailand reported new cases of avian influenza in 15 provinces in July. As of July 13, a total of 28 new outbreaks of avian influenza had been detected and about 58,000 birds had been destroyed. The government had declared Thai chicken farms free of H5N1 in May, 2004.

In a statement FAO said the new outbreaks of H5N1 in China, Thailand and Viet Nam confirmed that the virus was still endemic in the region. The FAO identified the main risk factors as poor hygiene in production, processing and marketing poultry; gaps in biosecurity; individuals not following recommended control measures; an inability to keep commercial chickens quarantined from wild birds; and disregard for individual safety measures.

The Thai government will set up a national level committee of experts and academics to get an overview on combating avian influenza. The committee would have two months to decide on introducing avian influenza vaccinations in critical areas.

Source: FAO press releases, OIE, news wires

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 10, 2004		Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
LIQUID	453	198	6,629 8,522
FROZEN	0	33	11 96
DRIED	0	0	394 270
TOTAL	453	231	7,034 8,888

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending July 10, 2004		Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
LIQUID	286	112	3,306 2,879
FROZEN	50	46	949 1,559
DRIED	80	0	1,647 800
TOTAL	416	158	5,902 5,238

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 10, 2004		Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
JUMBO	50	0	272 256
EXTRA LARGE	1,150	950	60,355 11,957
LARGE	5,970	3,410	131,439 52,986
MEDIUM	2,586	1,770	52,265 32,632
UNGRADED	1,440	3,600	169,644 46,566
MISC	780	0	14,724 3,432
TOTAL	11,976	9,730	428,699 147,829

/1Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		July 16, 2004	
		PRICES	VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)	
FAT			
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL EXPORT
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	-	- -
WTD AVERAGE			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

		July 16, 2004	
		PRICES	VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)	
FAT			
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL EXPORT
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	18.00	81,600 -
WTD AVERAGE		18.00	
15-20%			
RANGE	13.75-15.50	11.50-18.00	2,385,800 1,376,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.71	14.74	
20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	- -
WTD AVERAGE			

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 10-Jul-04

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,361	1,229	2,590
LAST WEEK	1,452	1,354	2,806
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,153	1,515	2,668
TO-DATE/2004	36,058	34,995	71,053
TO-DATE/2003	43,861	36,879	80,740

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	215	11	226
LAST WEEK	65	0	65
SAME WEEK YR AGO	326	0	326
TO-DATE/2004	6,362	83	6,445
TO-DATE/2003	6,957	96	7,053

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,576	1,240	2,816
LAST WEEK	1,517	1,354	2,871
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,479	1,515	2,994
TO-DATE/2004	42,420	35,078	77,498
TO-DATE/2003	50,818	36,975	87,793

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		July 16, 2004	
		PRICES	VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)	
FAT			
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL EXPORT
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	-	- -
WTD AVERAGE			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

		July 16, 2004	
		PRICES	VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)	
FAT			
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL EXPORT
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	16.50	19.00-19.50	1,352,000 632,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	19.28	
15-20%			
RANGE	16.00-21.00	15.00-22.00	1,964,000 564,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.83	17.47	
20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	14.00	120,000 -
WTD AVERAGE		14.00	

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 JULY 2004.

The trade sentiment on tom drums ranged from instances weak to fully steady, tom wings steady and tom necks steady to instances fully steady. Demand and trading was very active on tom drums for domestic and export shipments with trading heaviest into export channels for July-August deliveries. Offerings of tom drums were held varied degrees of confidence, balance of tom bulk parts light to adequate. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to instances firm with some unsettledness noted on fresh. Demand in a full range. Offerings of frozen thigh meat were held with confidence. Trading heavy on tom drums for export, balance light to fair. For domestic: tom defatted gizzards -6 months age 58, fresh breast trim 117-122 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 72-80 mostly, 80 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-33.00		32.11	2,016	32.06	2,172
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	35.00		35.00	40	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	25.00		25.00	208	25.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	208	17.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	68.00	200	67.53	1,032

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	33.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.84	76
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00		68.00	200

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	31.38	116
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	33.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.84	76
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-68.00		67.47	344

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-32.00		31.38	116
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	33.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.84	76
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-75.00		69.09	264

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	32.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	33.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.84	76
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-66.00		65.36	224

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.